

Newsletter

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"Learning together... aiming high"

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WORLD BOOK DAY

We had yet another brilliant World Book Day this year! For the first time, we all dressed up as adjectives. As usual, school was full of a multitude of fun ideas – some were words the children already knew, but there were also some new words for them to discover as we all shared ours with each other. Mrs Marsland was particularly impressed with Mr Coombs, who was 'invisible'. Ask your child in Hawthorn just how clever his costume was!

Mrs Marsland asked all the classes for adjectives to describe her costume; she had lots to choose from - 'stern', 'clever', 'serious' 'educated', 'academic'. One even thought she looked quite 'mysterious'...



We are always grateful for the time and effort families put into making it such a fun, special day for the children. We also want to thank everyone who came into school this afternoon for our special Family Storytime sessions. It was a lovely way to round off the week. Thank you!

NEW BOOKS

We would like to say a big thank you to Max in Ash. He and his mum very kindly bought some lovely new school reading books for Reception. Thank you Max!

CORONAVIRUS / COVID-19

We would like to reassure parents and carers that we are following the guidance issued by the Department for Education in relation to Coronavirus/COVID-19. Included with this week's newsletter is the information poster that we have displayed around school. Teachers have spoken with their classes about the general importance of hand washing and 'catching' coughs and sneezes (not just in relation to this particular virus) and children are encouraged to wash their hands at key points in the school day. We would appreciate your support in encouraging good habits at home as well.

The Department for Education says: **"No school should close in response to a suspected (or confirmed) COVID-19 case unless directed to do so by Public Health England."**

Please note: if St John's is instructed to close, we will notify everyone using our normal school closure protocols.

WELLS PILGRIMAGE

Year Four made their annual pilgrimage to Wells Cathedral this week, along with children from other local schools. This trip marks the beginning of their period of transition from St John's to middle school. Both classes wrote their own prayer, and Sycamore's was read by George during the service:

Dear God,

*Thank you for our world and peace on earth.
Thank you for our school, for people who help us to learn
and for our family and friends.*

*Thank you for all the lovely things we have today.
Thank you for our hope for the future.*

*Sorry that our actions caused problems for others.
Sorry for not listening, for being disrespectful
and for not being the best we can be.*

Please help us to learn from our mistakes and be respectful to others.

Please help us on our journey

by giving us new opportunities to become better.

Please help us to be kind to everyone.

Please give us hope on our journey in life. Amen.



NEW SCHOOL LUNCHES MENU

We have just received a new lunch menu from our catering company, which will start after Easter and continue to July. Please look out for a ParentMail form early next week asking for your choices. As this is a completely new menu, we will need choices in for anyone who wishes to have lunches booked.

YEAR 4 STRINGS CONCERT

Parents and Carers of children in Maple and Sycamore are invited to join us for a Strings Concert in the hall on Friday 3rd April at 9.45am. Come along and see what they have all been learning!

WINDOW WANDERLAND

Did you explore Frome's Window Wanderland displays last weekend? Did you see our 'Very Hungry Caterpillar' windows? They looked amazing lit up in the dark!



FROM THE ORGANISERS

St John's First School, wow, your windows were amazing! Thank you so much for taking part again this year.

We've really enjoyed seeing the town lit up again and hope you have too. As part of our funding process for next year's event we are included in Frome Town Council's People's Budget vote. We'd really appreciate it if you could follow this link and support us:

frometowncouncil.gov.uk/your-community/peoples-budget/peoples-budget-events/

SPRING FAIR AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Saturday 28th March 2020
9.30am to 1.00pm



Refreshments and stalls to help raise funds for the church. Books, bric-a-brac, plants, produce, cakes, clothes, jewellery. Tombola and Raffle. Please go along and support them if you can!

BAG 2 SCHOOL

Our next Bag 2 School recycling collection will be on Thursday 2nd April. If you are sorting through winter clothes now that Spring is around the corner, and you have any clean, unwanted clothes, paired shoes and boots, soft toys, bedlinen, towels, bags or belts you would be willing to donate, please put them to one side and bring them back to school on Wednesday 1st or Thursday 2nd, ready for collection on the Thursday morning.

Collection bags are available from the front desk, although carrier bags and bin liners are also fine. Please don't include school uniform with our lamb logo on.

All donated items will be weighed and taken away to be sold or reused to raise money for worthy causes, whilst raising a little for school too.

THE NEST



English - We will play Simon Says using positional language - up, under, above, on, in. Children will take turns giving instructions.

SMSC - Children will complete an activity using positional language.

Science - We will talk about Spring, discussing what children already know about Spring, and what they learned last week.

PE - Balancing and moving.

OUR LEARNING NEXT WEEK

Our Value is Self-Control

Reception

Maths - Counting to 20.

English - Alliterative sentences.

Phonics - Consolidating our Phonics knowledge.

Year 1

Maths - Measuring length and height.

English - Writing an adventure story for a penguin.

Year 2

Maths - Statistics. Making block diagrams, tally charts and pictograms.

English - Writing our own 'Traction Man' stories.

Year 3

Maths - Learning to use Roman numerals.

English - Continuing our text, 'Escape From Pompeii'. Practising our play.

Year 4

Maths - Fractions.

English - Poetry writing - 'The Magic Box'.

DIARY DATES

Fri 13 March	Sport Relief - non-uniform
March 18, 19, 20	Liddington Residential - Y4
Mon 23 March	World Down Syndrome Day - wear odd socks
Tues 24 March	'The Romans' Play - Y3. Afternoon. Time tbc.
Weds 25 March	'The Romans' Play - Y3. Morning. Time tbc.
Thurs 2 April	Bag 2 School Collection
Fri 3 April	Strings Concert - Year 4 9.45am.
Fri 3 April	Choir's 'The Three Trees' (within Easter Service)
Fri 3 April	Easter Event
Fri 3 April	Last day of term
6-17 April	Easter Holiday
28, 29, 30 April	Life Bus in school
Sat 2 May	May Fair
Tues 5 May	Earth Science Centre Visit - Sycamore
Weds 6 May	Earth Science Centre Visit - Maple
Fri 8 May	May Bank Holiday
25-29 May	Half Term
w/c Mon 1 June	Sports Week - details TBC
Tues 2 June	Class Photos
16 - 22 June	Book Fair in School
Mon 22 June	Earth Science Centre Visit - Rowan
Tues 23 June	Earth Science Centre Visit - Willow
Weds 1 July	Transfer Day
Fri 17 July	Last day of term
Mon 20 July	Inset Day
Thurs 3 Sept	Inset Day
Fri 4 Sept	Inset Day
Mon 7 Sept	First day of term

5TH FROME SCOUT GROUP

For fun, friendship and activities that get you thinking as well as doing.

At Selwood Academy on

Thursday evenings 5.30 - 6.30. Ages 6 - 8.

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At St John's CE VA First School the health, safety and wellbeing of every child is our top priority. We expect all staff, governors, parent/carers and visitors to share this commitment to safeguarding our pupils.